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SUBJECT: INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMOR; PGET TALKS WITH PORTUGUESE

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1. GOI CONTINUES TO PRESS FORWARD RAPIDLY WITH PLANS FOR  
INTEGRATION OF EAST TIMOR INTO INDONESIA. PARLIAMENT WILL VOTE  
JULY 15 ON BILL INCORPORATING EAST TIMOR AS 27TH PROVINCE, AND  
UNANIMOUS APPROVAL IS FOREGONE CONCLUSION. CSIS STAFFER LIM BIAN  
KIE HAS PRIVATELY INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT INTEGRATION ARRANGEMENTS  
WILL DEFINITELY BE COMPLETED JULY 17 WHEN PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL  
INTO LAW AND EAST TIMOR BECOMES 27TH PROVINCE OF INDONESIA. END  
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2. MEANWHILE, MARIO CARASCALAO, REPRESENTATIVE OF PROVISIONAL

GOVERNMENT OF EAST TIMOR (PGET) IN JAKARTA, TOLD REPORTERS  
JULY 13 THAT VARIOUS TECHNICAL PROBLEMS WERE DISCUSSED AT MEETING  
BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF PGET AND PORTUGAL IN BANGKOK  
JULY 6-10. CARASCALAO SAID PGET DELEGATION HEADED BY PGET DEPUTY CHIEF  
LOPEZ DA CRUZ AND PORTUGAL REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN AFFAIRS POLITICAL  
DIR GEN VILABOAS. HE REFUSED TO COMMENT WHEN ASKED IF PORTUGAL  
RECOGNIZED PGET, BUT OBSERVED THAT "THEY WERE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE  
WITH US".

3. CARASCALAO STATED THAT WHILE QUESTION OF 23 PORTUGUESE  
SOLDIERS DETAINED IN TIMOR WAS DISCUSSED, MAIN TOPIC WAS TRANSFER  
OF PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT PROPERTY TO PGET, INCLUDING NATIONAL  
OVERSEAS BANK AND VARIOUS BUSINESSES, BUILDINGS AND OFFICES. HE  
WOULD NOT GIVE DETAILS OF TRANSFER, BUT SAID SECOND MEETING WAS  
EXPECTED TO BE HELD AFTER LISBON RESPONDED TO PGET'S PROPOSALS  
MADE IN BANGKOK.

4. ACCORDING TO CARASCALAO, PORTUGAL STILL HOPES FOR GOOD  
RELATIONS WITH ITS FORMER COLONY AND A CONTINUATION OF CULTURAL  
TIES EVEN AFTER EAST TIMOR BECOMES PART OF INDONESIA. HE REFUSED  
TO COMMENT ON PROSPECTS OF INDONESIA-PORTUGAL RELATIONS. END  
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5. COMMENT: TIMING OF FINAL APPROVAL OF INTEGRATION LAW WHICH  
WILL PRESUMABLY PUT AN END TO OFFICIAL STANDING OF PGET, MAKES  
IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT PGET WILL BE ABLE TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS  
WITH PORTUGAL ON PRISONER RELEASES AND PROPERTY TRANSFER. ONCE  
EAST TIMOR BECOMES INDONESIAN, GOI WILL HAVE OFFICIAL  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR PORTUGUESE PRISONERS AND ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR THEIR RELEASE WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE TO BE  
NEGOTIATED BY GOP WITH GOI.  
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